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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

James L. Winkler et al.

Application No.: 10/062,431

Filed: January 30, 2002

For: DEVICE AND METHODS FOR  
MIXING FLUIDS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 3558

Examiner: David L. Sorkin

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1723

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response responds to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of April 29, 2003 and a subsequent Advisory Action having a mailing date of July 14, 2003. A proposed amendment was filed on June 26, 2003, but was not entered for reasons set forth in the Advisory Action.

Enclosed is a Petition for a one-month extension of time thereby extending the due date for a response from July 29, 2003 to August 29, 2003.

Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for this application.

Appl. No. 10/062,431  
Amdt. dated 8/25/03  
Preliminary Amendment

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.  
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